

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Black et al. )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please add new claim 44 as follows:

44. A railway car capable of transporting automobiles in commercial rail service, said car comprising a floor, a roof, a pair of upstanding side walls, a pair of end doors, and at least one upper deck spaced above the floor of the car so that automobiles may be supported on at least two levels;

each of said upstanding side walls comprising a plurality of substantially vertical posts supporting said at least one upper deck and roof, and

a plurality of side wall panels connected to said substantially vertical posts;